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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4,6,7,12,13 and 15-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4,6,7,12,13 and 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 July 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The communication is responsive to amendments filed 07/31/2009. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-11 and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 15-18 are new. Currently claims 4, 6-7, 12-13, and 15-18 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 6, 7, 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rafii et al. (6,614,422) in view of Kloba (US 7,263,547).

In reference to claim 4, Rafii teaches a mobile communication terminal (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 80), comprising:

image projection means for projecting one of a plurality of predefined operation-plane images that displays virtually an operation-plane of an operation device operated by users (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 145; col. 4, ll. 27-33);

operation detection means for detecting operation on the operation-plane image projected by the image projection means (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 20; col. 10, ll. 27-34);

data processing means for performing a predetermined data process based on the detection result of operation detected by the operation detection means (Rafii, Fig. 3; col. 7, ll. 16-18);

wherein the image projection means projects an operation-plane image corresponding to recognition function designated by designation information received from an application execution management means, from among the plurality of predefined operation-plane images (Rafii, col. 4, ll. 27-33; projection of a grid or image);

and the operation detection means has a plurality of kinds of mutually different recognition functions to recognize operation content by at least one of position, direction and movement of an operation object on the plurality of predefined operation-plane images (Rafii, col. 12, ll. 33-47),

and detects operation on the operation-plane image by using the recognition function designated by designation information received from the application execution management means (Rafii, col. 10, ll. 27-34).

Rafii however fails to teach application execution management means for managing application program execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network.

Kloba discloses a system for customizing content on a mobile device, analogous in art with that of Rafii, containing application execution management means for managing application program execution environment of an application program

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selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network (Kloba, col. 4, ll. 37-41; col. 7, ll. 5-9; col. 11, ll. 15-21).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the mobile communication terminal of Rafii to include application execution management means for managing application program execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network, as taught by Kloba.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to enable the user to run multiple applications on a mobile device while on-line or off-line (Kloba, col. 1, ll. 36-39).

In reference to claim 6, Rafii teaches a mobile communication terminal (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 80), comprising:

image projection means for projecting one of a plurality of predefined operation-plane images that displays virtually an operation-plane of an operation device operated by users (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 145; col. 4, ll. 27-33);

operation detection means for detecting operation on the operation-plane image projected by the image projection means (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 20; col. 10, ll. 27-34);

data processing means for performing a predetermined data process based on the detection result of operation detected by the operation detection means (Fig. 3; col. 7, ll. 16-18);

wherein the image projection means projects an operation-plane image corresponding to recognition function designated by designation information received from an application execution management means, from among the plurality of predefined operation-plane images (Rafii, col. 4, ll. 27-33; projection of a grid or image);

and the operation detection means has a plurality of kinds of mutually different recognition functions to recognize operation content by at least one of position, direction and movement of an operation object on the plurality of predefined operation-plane images (Rafii, col. 12, ll. 33-47),

and detects operation on the operation-plane image by using the recognition function corresponding to the operation-plane image designated by designation information received from the application execution management means (Rafii, col. 10, l. 27-34).

Rafii however fails to teach application execution management means for managing execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network.

Kloba discloses a system for customizing content on a mobile device, analogous in art with that of Rafii, containing application execution management means for managing execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network (Kloba, col. 4, ll. 37-41; col. 7, ll. 5-9; col. 11, ll. 15-21).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the mobile communication terminal of Rafii to include

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application execution management means for managing execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network, as taught by Kloba.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to enable the user to run multiple applications on a mobile device while on-line or off-line (Kloba, col. 1, ll. 36-39).

In reference to claim 7, Rafii teaches a mobile communication terminal (Rafii Fig. 1A, 80),

comprising: image projection means for projecting one of a plurality of predefined operation-plane image that displays virtually an operation-plane of an operation device operated by users (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 145; col. 4, ll. 27-33);

operation detection means for detecting operation on the operation-plane image projected by the image projection means (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 20; col. 10, ll. 27-34);

data processing means for performing a predetermined data process based on the detection result of operation detected by the operation detection means (Fig. 3; col. 7, ll. 16-18);

memory means for storing a plurality of image data corresponding to each one of the plurality of predefined operation-plane images (Rafii, col. 12, ll. 48-53);

and instruction generation means for generating an operation-plane image selection instruction in accordance with content of the selected application program (Fig. 3; col. 7, ll. 16-18);

wherein the image projection means selects an image data from the plurality of image data memorized in the memory based on the operation-plane image selection instruction generated by the instruction generation means, and projects the operation-plane image of the selected image data (Rafii, col. 4, ll. 27-33; projection of a grid or image);

and an application execution management means performs a data process corresponding to operation detected by the operation detection means in accordance with the content of the application program during execution of the selected application program (Rafii, col. 10, ll. 27-34) .

Rafii however fails to teach application execution management means for executing an application program selected from a plurality of kinds of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network.

Kloba discloses a system for customizing content on a mobile device, analogous in art with that of Rafii, containing application execution management means for executing an application program selected from a plurality of kinds of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network (Kloba, col. 4, ll. 37-41; col. 7, ll. 5-9; col. 11, ll. 15-21).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the mobile communication terminal of Rafii to include application execution management means for executing an application program selected from a plurality of kinds of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network, as taught by Kloba.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to enable the user to run multiple applications on a mobile device while on-line or off-line (Kloba, col. 1, ll. 36-39).

In reference to claim 15, Rafii teaches a mobile communication terminal (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 80),

comprising: an image projector that projects one of a plurality of predefined operation-plane images that displays virtually an operation-plane of an operation device (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 145; col. 4, ll. 27-33);

an operation detector that detects operation on the operation-plane image projected by the image projector (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 20; col. 10, ll. 27-34);

a data processor that performs a predetermined data process based on the detection result of operation detected by the operation detector (Rafii, Fig. 3; col. 7, ll. 16-18);

wherein the image projector projects an operation-plane image corresponding to recognition function designated by designation information received from an application execution management device, from among the plurality of predefined operation-plane images (Rafii, col. 4, ll. 27-33; projection of a grid or image);

and the operation detector has a plurality of kinds of mutually different recognition functions to recognize operation content by at least one of position, direction and movement of an operation object on the plurality of predefined operation-plane images (Rafii, col. 12, ll. 33-47),

and detects operation on the operation-plane image by using the recognition function designated by designation information received from the application execution management device (Rafii, col. 10, ll. 27-34).

Rafii however fails to teach an application execution management device that manages an execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network.

Kloba discloses a system for customizing content on a mobile device, analogous in art with that of Rafii, containing application execution management device that manages an execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network (Kloba, col. 4, ll. 37-41; col. 7, ll. 5-9; col. 11, ll. 15-21).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the mobile communication terminal of Rafii to include an application execution management device that manages an execution environment of an application program selected from a plurality of application programs that is downloaded via a mobile communication network, as taught by Kloba.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to enable the user to run multiple applications on a mobile device while on-line or off-line (Kloba, col. 1, ll. 36-39).

Claim 18 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 15 as discussed above and further, Rafii teaches further comprising: a memory that stores the plurality of predefined operating-plane images (Rafii, col. 12, ll. 48-53).

Claims 12, 13, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rafii et al. (6,614,422) as modified by Kloba (US 7,263, 547) and further in view of Lieberman (US 2002/0075240).

Claim 12 is rejected as being dependent on claims 4, 6, or 7 as discussed above and further, Rafii modified by Kloba fails to teach a mobile communication terminal wherein the mobile communication terminal is configured by using a light source, a spatial light modulation unit for modulating light output from the light source, and an optical system for projection imaging that projects by imaging a light image output from the spatial light modulation unit on an external projection screen, the mobile communication terminal comprises an optical system for diffused illumination for homogenously illuminating by diffusing light output from the light source to an external illumination plane, and the light source and the spatial light modulation unit are both shared to generate a light image subject to projection and generate a light subject to diffused illumination.

Lieberman discloses a virtual data entry device, analogous in art with that of Rafii modified by Kloba, wherein the mobile communication terminal is configured by using a light source, a spatial light modulation unit for modulating light output from the light

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source, and an optical system for projection imaging that projects by imaging a light image output from the spatial light modulation unit (Lieberman, Fig. 28; pg. 10, par. 184)

on an external projection screen (Lieberman, Fig. 29; pg. 10, par. 186),

the mobile communication terminal comprises an optical system for diffused illumination (Lieberman, pg. 10, par. 184)

for homogenously illuminating by diffusing light output from the light source to an external illumination plane (Lieberman, Fig. 28),

and the light source and the spatial light modulation unit are both shared to generate a light image subject to projection and generate a light subject to diffused illumination (Lieberman, pg. 6, par. 135; light source is a single laser source).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the mobile communication terminal of Rafii modified by Kloba wherein the mobile communication terminal is configured by using a light source, a spatial light modulation unit for modulating light output from the light source, and an optical system for projection imaging that projects by imaging a light image output from the spatial light modulation unit on an external projection screen, the mobile communication terminal comprises an optical system for diffused illumination for homogenously illuminating by diffusing light output from the light source to an external illumination plane and the light source and the spatial light modulation unit are both shared to generate a light image subject to projection and generate a light subject to diffused illumination, as taught by Lieberman.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide an expanded input device for a small sized PDA or cell phone (Lieberman, pg. 1, par. 9).

Claim 13 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 12 as discussed above and further Rafii teaches a mobile communication terminal, the mobile communication terminal comprising (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 80):

a camera unit that generates image data by transforming the light image to electric signals (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-36);

and an optical system for camera imaging for imaging the light image subject to shooting on the camera unit (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-57);

wherein the operation detection means is configured by using operation object detection means for detecting at least one of position, direction, and movement of an operation object operating on the operation-plane image and operation detection data generation means for generating operation detection data corresponding to position, direction or movement of the operation object based on the detection results of the operation detection means (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-57);

and the camera unit and the optical system for camera imaging are both shared as the operation object detection means (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-57).

Claim 16 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 15 as discussed above and further Rafii modified by Kloba fails to teach a mobile communication

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terminal wherein the mobile communication terminal is configured by using a light source, a spatial light modulation unit for modulating light output from the light source, and an optical system for projection imaging that projects by imaging a light image output from the spatial light modulation unit on an external projection screen, the mobile communication terminal comprises an optical system for diffused illumination for homogenously illuminating by diffusing light output from the light source to an external illumination plane, and the light source and the spatial light modulation unit are both shared to generate a light image subject to projection and generate a light subject to diffused illumination.

Lieberman discloses a virtual data entry device, analogous in art with that of Rafii modified by Kloba, wherein the mobile communication terminal is configured by using a light source, a spatial light modulation unit for modulating light output from the light source, and an optical system for projection imaging that projects by imaging a light image output from the spatial light modulation unit (Lieberman, Fig. 28; pg. 10, par. 184)

on an external projection screen (Lieberman, Fig. 29; pg. 10, par. 186),

wherein the mobile communication terminal comprises an optical system for diffused illumination (Lieberman, pg. 10, par. 184)

for homogenously illuminating by diffusing light output from the light source to an external illumination plane (Lieberman, Fig. 28),

and wherein the light source and the spatial light modulation unit are both shared to generate a light image subject to projection and generate a light subject to diffused illumination (Lieberman, pg. 6, par. 135; light source is a single laser source).

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At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the mobile communication terminal of Rafii modified by Kloba wherein the mobile communication terminal is configured by using a light source, a spatial light modulation unit for modulating light output from the light source, and an optical system for projection imaging that projects by imaging a light image output from the spatial light modulation unit on an external projection screen, wherein the mobile communication terminal comprises an optical system for diffused illumination for homogenously illuminating by diffusing light output from the light source to an external illumination plane and wherein the light source and the spatial light modulation unit are both shared to generate a light image subject to projection and generate a light subject to diffused illumination, as taught by Lieberman.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide an expanded input device for a small sized PDA or cell phone (Lieberman, pg. 1, par. 9).

Claim 17 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 16 as discussed above and further Rafii teaches a mobile communication terminal, the mobile communication terminal comprising (Rafii, Fig. 1A, 80):

a camera unit that generates image data by transforming the light image to electric signals (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-36);

and an optical system for camera imaging for imaging the light image subject to shooting on the camera unit (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-57);

wherein the operation detector is configured by using an operation object detector that detects at least one of position, direction, and movement of an operation object operating on the operation-plane image and operation detection data generator that generates operation detection data corresponding to position, direction or movement of the operation object based on the detection results of the operation object detector (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-57);

and the camera unit and the optical system for camera imaging are both shared as the operation object detector (Rafii, col. 2, ll. 21-57).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 07/31/2009 with respect to claim 13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues on page 11 of applicant's response that an examination of claim 13 was omitted from the first Office Action. Examiner agrees with applicant and claim 13 is now included in this second, non-final Office Action.

Applicant's arguments filed 07/31/2009 with respect to claims 4, 6 and 7 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues on page 14 of the applicant's response that the independent claims have been amended to include the feature that the terminal projects one of a plurality of predefined operation-plane images, and that by having the input layouts pre-

programmed into the device, the application/applet developer does not need to design and integrate image layouts into their software, thus reducing the development time and complexity.

Rafii discloses a predefined operation-plane layout (Rafii, Fig. 1A,1B; col. 4, ll. 8-50), and Kloba discloses downloadable web content to be used by a mobile device in an interactive manner (Kloba, Abstract).

Rafii teaches a user that is enabled to input commands and data from a passive virtual emulation of a manual input device, as in the predefined operation-plane images projected in Fig. 1A and 1B. The mobile device of Rafii uses light to project a predefined grid or image onto a work surface in front of the device. Likewise, Kloba teaches a system, method, and computer program product for customizing channels, content, and data for mobile devices that is downloadable from the internet for use in a predefined operation-plane image for the application programs already residing in the mobile device.

Therefore, Rafii, as well as Kloba, teach a predefined operation-plane layout.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES HICKS whose telephone number is 571-270-7535. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 to 4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz, can be reached on 571-272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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